

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Sub.B1 > Claim 1 (currently amended): A gaming device having a primary game comprising:

A2 a plurality of independently operable identical sets of reels, each set of reels having a plurality of reels;

a plurality of identical sets of symbols on each of said sets of reels;

a plurality of paylines associated with said sets of reels, wherein each said payline is associated with one of said sets of reels and each set of reels has at least one of said paylines associated with said set of reels;

a display device adapted to simultaneously display said sets of reels; and

a processor which communicates with said display device, which enables a player to wager on said paylines associated with ~~on~~ said plurality of sets of reels, which evaluates each of said sets of reels wagered on by the player for winning combinations of said symbols on any of said paylines and which provides payouts to the player based on the combinations of symbols and the player's wager.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on predetermined combinations of said symbols to occur on at least one of said paylines ~~in said sets of reels.~~

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Claim 3 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on a predetermined combination of said symbols to occur on a plurality of the paylines associated with ~~in~~ at least two of said sets of reels.

Claim 4¹ (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on a predetermined combination of ~~one of~~ said symbols to occur on at least one of said paylines associated with ~~in~~ each of said sets of reels.

Claim 5 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on one or a combination of said sets of reels where a predetermined combination of said symbols will occur on a payline.

Claim 6 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on one or a combination of said set of reels wherein a predetermined combination of said symbols will not occur on said paylines.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein said processor enables the player to wager on at least one of the paylines ~~initiates paylines in associated with a second set of said sets of reels another said set of reels~~ when the player wagers on all of said paylines associated with a first set of ~~in one of said set sets~~ of reels.

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Claim 8 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising of:
a plurality of sets of reels;
a plurality of identical sets of symbols on each of said sets of reels;
a plurality of paylines associated with said sets of reels, wherein each said payline is associated with one of said sets of reels and each set of reels has at least one of said paylines associated with said set of reels;

~~a display device; and~~
a processor which communicates with said display device, wherein said processor and said display device simultaneously display said plurality of sets of reels, ~~enable~~ enables a player to wager on said paylines associated with ~~on~~ said plurality of sets of reels, simultaneously spins each of said sets of reels wagered on by the player, evaluates each of said sets of reels wagered on by the player for predetermined combinations of said symbols, and ~~provide~~ provides the player any award associated with said predetermined combinations of symbols obtained on the reels.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 8, wherein said processor and display device are adapted to enable the player to wager on predetermined combinations of said symbols to occur on at least one of said paylines ~~in said sets of reels.~~

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Claim 10 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 8, wherein said processor and display device are adapted to enable the player to wager on a predetermined combination of said symbols to occur on a plurality of the paylines associated with ~~in~~ at least two of said sets of reels.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 8, wherein said processor and display device are adapted to enable the player to wager on one of said symbols to occur on at least one of said paylines associated with ~~in~~ each of said sets of reels.

Claim 12 (original): The gaming device of Claim 8, wherein said processor and display device are adapted to enable the player to wager on one or a combination of said sets of reels to have a predetermined combination of said symbols occur on a payline.

Claim 13 (original): The gaming device of Claim 8, wherein said processor and display device are adapted to enable the player to wager on one or a combination of said set of reels where a predetermined combination of said symbols will not occur on said paylines.

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Claim 14 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 8, wherein said processor enables the player to wager on at least one of the paylines ~~initiates paylines~~ ~~in~~ associated with another said set of reels when the player wagers on all of said paylines associated with ~~in~~ one of said ~~set~~ sets of reels.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A gaming device having a primary game comprising:

a plurality of sets of reels, each set of reels having a plurality of reels;
a plurality of symbols which are identical on each of said sets of reels;
a plurality of paylines associated with said sets of reels, wherein each said payline is associated with one of said sets of reels and each set of reels has at least one of said paylines associated with said set of reels;

a display device adapted to simultaneously display said sets of reels; and
a processor which controls said display device, evaluates a wager placed made by a player, and places said wager on one of said paylines ~~on one of said sets of reels~~ associated with a first set of said sets of reels, and places a subsequent wager on one of said paylines ~~on another of~~ associated with a second of said ~~set~~ sets of reels if all of said paylines ~~in~~ associated with said first set of reels are wagered on by the player.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 15, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on individual paylines associated with ~~in~~ said sets of reels.

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Claim 17 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 15, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on predetermined combinations of said symbols to occur on at least one of said paylines associated with ~~in~~ said sets of reels.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 15, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on a predetermined combination of said symbols to occur on a plurality of the paylines associated with ~~in~~ at least two of said sets of reels.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 15, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on one of said symbols to occur on at least one of said paylines associated with ~~in~~ each of said sets of reels.

Claim 20 (original): The gaming device of Claim 15, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on one or a combination of said sets of reels where a predetermined combination of said symbols will occur on one of said paylines.

Claim 21 (original): The gaming device of Claim 15, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on one or a combination of said set of reels where a predetermined combination of said symbols will not occur on said paylines.

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Claim 22 (currently amended): A gaming device having a primary game comprising:

a plurality of sets of reels, each set of reels having a plurality of reels;

a plurality of symbols which are identical on each of said sets of reels;

a plurality of paylines associated with said sets set of reels, wherein each said payline is associated with one of said sets of reels and each set of reels has at least one of said paylines associated with said set of reels;

a display device adapted to simultaneously display said sets set of reels; and

a processor which controls said display device, and which enables the player to wager on at least one of the sets of reels having a winning symbol or combination of said symbols on any of said paylines associated with said set of reels.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on said paylines associated with in said sets of reels.

Claim 24 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on predetermined combinations of said symbols to occur on at least one of said paylines associated with in said sets of reels.

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Claim 25 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on a predetermined combination of said symbols to occur on a plurality of the paylines associated with ~~in~~ at least two of said sets of reels.

Claim 26 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on one of said symbols to occur on at least one of said paylines associated with ~~in~~ each of said sets of reels.

Claim 27 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein said processor enables the player to wager on at least one payline ~~initiates paylines in~~ associated with ~~in~~ another of said sets ~~said set~~ of reels when the player wagers on all of said paylines associated with ~~in~~ one of said ~~set~~ sets of reels.

Claim 28 (original): The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on one or a combination of said set of reels where a predetermined combination of said symbols will not occur on said paylines.

Claim 29 (new): The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein said processor is adapted to enable the player to wager on one or a combination of said sets of reels where a predetermined combination of said symbols will occur on said paylines.